

Dear WPDES Permit Holder,

As you are aware, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the midst of implementing the Rock River TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Plan. During the DNR informational meetings conducted in April 2012, presentations were provided, and discussion occurred, about the possibility of the DNR utilizing "watershed based permitting" for dischargers within the Rock River Basin. The Rock River Recovery Implementation Team has begun to use this approach for WPDES permit development and issuance. DNR administrators and staff, in conjunction with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) see this method of permit issuance as an effective tool in meeting the water quality limits established for the Rock River TMDL.

The Department has assembled ten "Groups" for watershed based permitting. Your facility is located in Group 8. We have calculated effluent limits and drafted permits for your group and would like to share them with you. Department staff invites you to a meeting to discuss details of the implementation plan. We would like to meet with you to talk about the options available to you as a WPDES permit holder to meet the phosphorous and suspended solids limits that will be included in your permit.

Although the distribution of this invitation is limited, we encourage you to bring community leaders and staff. A very small group of consultants have been invited based on their participation in the past. You are welcome to invite your consultant if you wish.

An agenda follows this email. Please note that Department staff will stay until all of the questions have been addressed.

Please let me know if you intend to attend by July 21, 2014. If there are any questions, please email me at [tim.ryan@Wisconsin.Gov](mailto:tim.ryan@Wisconsin.Gov) or call me at (608) 275-3277.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks,

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## **Rock River Recovery Permits Meeting**

### **Agenda**

**Thursday, July 24, 2014, 9:00 AM**

**Rooms 8&9, UW-Extension, Jefferson County, 864 Collins Rd., Jefferson, WI**

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome and Introductions

9:15 – 9:35 Watershed Permitting Proposal

9:35 – 10:05 Nutrient Trading/Adaptive Management

10:05 - 10:35 Nonpoint Source Components

10:35 – 10:50 Break

10:50 - 11:30 Phosphorous and Suspended Solids Limits

11:30 – 12:00 Questions